App. No. 10/730,301

Amendment Dated March 1, 2007

Reply to Final Office Action of February 1, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 13 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-26 stand rejected. Applicants thank Examiner Botts for an indication of

allowable subject matter for claim 10 by incorporating the limitations of claim 13 and correcting

a lack of antecedent basis in claim 13. Independent claims 1 and 19 have been similarly

amended. All claims as amended are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be

allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is

respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application,

the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone

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Respectfully submitted,

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